

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

BRAMPTON

Earthworks, etc. Tower

- (a) Tye or Tortie, N. of Naworth station; double rampart, circular, c. 40 yds. diameter (O.S. iv, 486).
- (b) Of two supposed tumuli in Brampton park, one was found to be natural (Rev. H. Whitehead, *Brampton*, 33).

Roman

- (a) "Written Rock," ½ m. above Low Gelt bridge (*Lap.* 469; C.I.L. vii, 912). Written rock, Lodge crag (C.I.L. vii, 844A).
- (b) Statuette, casting with legend IOVIS and other bronze objects found at Brampton (*Lap.* 453-4).
- (c) Hawkhurst; urn, coins, horse-shoes and foundations of two non-Roman enclosures, explored 1898 (F. Haverfield, O.S. xv, 358).

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Of 12th cent. - Castle Hill, E. of Brampton; 136 ft. high, summit circular, 40 yds. diameter; on the slope a surrounding ditch 20 ft. wide, with rampart. Statue of the 7th Earl of Carlisle by Foley, 1870 (N.S. v, 290; Curwen, *Castles*, 39). In 1468 the site of a beacon (N. and B. i, xliv).

Church:

- (a) St. Martin's, 1½ m. W. of Brampton; 12th cent., dismantled 1781, restored 1891. Graveslabs of R. de Caldecoats 1346; of Milburn of Talkin; one 13th cent. and one 14th cent.
- (b) Many old gravestones. Site of Ninewells or Priest's well in churchyard (O.S. x, 166).
- (c) Ancient cross-base.
- (d) Hospital or Almshouse chapel, 1688, used as parish church after 1781, rebuilt 1827-8 and 1879.
- (e) Old Presbyterian meeting house 1674, now a warehouse at Scotch Arms inn, altered c. 1901 (Rev. H. Whitehead, O.S. viii, 369; H. Penfold, N.S. iii, 102).
- (f) Meeting-house 1722, now Central Hall. Town Hall 1817, onsite of Moot Hall ; bull ring.

Castles and Towers

- (a) *Naworth* Castle, licence to crenellate 1335 to Ranulph de Dacre ; Howard Tower and barbican built and great Hall rebuilt by Thomas, Lord Dacre, c. 1520; upper part of Howard Tower, S.E. front, etc. by Lord William Howard c. 1604-19. Restored 1844;

Morpeth Tower 1845; Stanley Tower 1881 (C. J. Ferguson, O.S. iv, 486; Curwen, *Castles*, 213).

(b) Stonehouse, Naworth East park; two windows of the tower remain (Curwen, *Castles*, 384).

(c) Cumcatch, 16 cent. pele-house, remains (H. Penfold in *Castles*, 409).

Domestic: in Brampton,

(a) Hetherington the draper's, and the Barracks at Town foot are named as of stone, 1603 (Whitehead, *Brampton*, 35) .

(b) Brackenhill farm, of Atkinsons, lintel 1663.

(c) Great Asby, house of Bowsteads, lintel 1736.

(d) Boothby, house (lately remodelled) of Walkers, lintel 1742.

Old dykes:

(a) *Castle* beck to Red Yeat foot at Hawbank, and " the Castle dyke of the Mundholme," W. from Lanercost bridge, mentioned in the Bounder of 1589 (Whellan, 648).

(b) At Haha lonning, remains of sunk fence of Brampton Park.

Old roads:

(a) from Castlesteads towards Brampton, with foundations of bridge at Jrthington Mill and ford at Crooked Holme (supposed Roman by Rev. J. Maughan, O.S. i, 206).

(b) "Tithebarn lonning," Great Easby to Naworth park (Whitehead, *Brampton*, 41) .

(c) Military road, paved, past Lower Gelt bridge and the Capon Tree.

Lanercost bridge (see *Lanercost*)

Sites:

(a) *Capon Tree*, ½ m. S. of Brampton (H. Penfold, N.S. v, 129). St. Martin's Oak, cut down early 19th cent. (O.S. x, 169).

(b) "Old Brampton," ¼ m. E.N.E. of Hawkhurst enclosure. The idea that population was removed c. 1348 is erroneous (N.S.xi, 46).

(c) Battlefield of Feb. 20, 1570, on the Talkin side of Hell beck, near Gelt bridge. Relics found; skeleton in hollow tree. (Hutchinson, i, 151).

(d) Talkin tarn; tradition of submerged village (Rev. G. Rome Hall, O.S. vi, 479) ; a crannoge?

Finds:

(a) Stone axe, at back of Half Moon inn, Brampton, 1903.

(b) Bronze celt on Hell beck near the Written Rock (O.S. vi, 474).

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